

information data in accordance with a predetermined number representing a threshold for a relationship between the information data and a number of said at least one end user device.” It is respectfully submitted that this limitation is fully supported at page 8, lines 20 to page 9, line 3 of the specification. Thus, applicants request that the §112 rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn. Claim 26 depends from claim 1 and is, likewise, fully supported by the aforementioned portion of the specification. Applicants request that the §112 rejection of claim 26 also be withdrawn.

Applicants have amended claim 27 to recite, “means for generating backup control data when one storage medium unit is malfunctioning, wherein another of the storage medium units is utilized for supplying the selected information data in accordance with the generated backup control data.” Support for this limitation can be found at page 9, lines 4-13 of the specification. Applicants, thus, request that the §112 rejection of claim 27 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-14, 18, 23, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being allegedly anticipated by Voeten. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the § 102 rejection, the Examiner disregarded “estimate data” recited in claim 1 because of the aforementioned § 112 rejection. Applicants submit that the portions of Voeten relied upon by the Examiner do not appear to teach or suggest “the managing means manages the distribution of the information data in accordance with a predetermined number representing a threshold for a relationship between the information data and a number of said at least one end user device,” as recited in claim 1. Therefore, claim 1, together with claims 2-14, 18, and 23 dependent therefrom, is patentable over Voeten as applied by the Examiner.

Similarly, it is respectfully submitted that the portions of Voeten relied upon by the Examiner do not appear to teach or suggest “means for generating backup control data when one storage medium unit is malfunctioning, wherein another of the storage medium units is

utilized for supplying the selected information data in accordance with the generated backup control data,” as recited in claim 27. Hence, claim 27 is also patentable over Voeten as applied by the Examiner.

Claims 15, 16, 21, 22, 24, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Voeten.

Claims 15, 16, 21, 22, 24, and 25 depend from, directly or indirectly, claim 1. As stated above, the portions of Voeten, relied upon by the Examiner, do not appear to suggest “wherein the managing means manages the distribution of the information data in accordance with a predetermined number representing a threshold for a relationship between the information data and a number of said at least one end user device,” as recited in claim 1. The Examiner apparently did not rely on Official Notice to teach or suggest this limitation of claim 1. It is, therefore, submitted that claims 15, 16, 21, 22, 24, and 25 are patentable over Voeten as applied by the Examiner.

Claim 19, 20, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Voeten in view of Hooks.

The Examiner appears to have relied solely upon Hooks to teach “[merging] multiple mosaic views ... to a single mosaic image scene for playback.” Page 10, line 3-4 of the Office Action. Applicants have amended claim 30 to recite, in part, “selecting a number of non-sequential scenes from a single scene sequence representing a plurality of sequential scenes to form a mosaic of scenes from the single scene sequence.” Support for this limitation can be found in Figs. 11 and 12 and at page 20, line 7 to page 21, line 8 of the specification.

Hooks discloses combining multiple views onto a wide-angle display for a flight simulator and does not appear to teach or suggest the above-quoted feature of claim 30.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that even assuming, arguendo, that it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan to combine Voeten and Hooks in the manner proposed by the Examiner, the combined references do not meet the claimed invention as recited by amended claim 30. Claim 30, together with claims 19 and 20 dependent therefrom, is, thus, patentable over Voeten as applied by the Examiner.

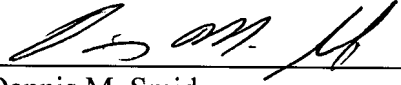
The Examiner has made of record, but not applied, several additional references. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's implicit finding that these references, whether considered alone or in combination with others, do not render the claims of the present application unpatentable.

Statements appearing above in respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the undersigned attorney and, in the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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